

COMMANDER'S RETIREE COUNCIL
Fort Rucker, Alabama

1. The Commander's Retiree Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on June 3, 2004 at the Aviators' Landing . This was the 190th scheduled meeting since the Council was established in 1973.
2. Member present, absent, advisors, and guests present were:

MEMBERS (Army Retiree, Except as indicated)

PRESENT

COL William E. Crouch , Co-Ch	CSM Charles E Frye, Co-Ch
COL Herman S. Heath	CSM Andrew Rivers
COL Bob Bunting	SGM Lloyd M. Rogers, Association Secretary
COL James E Hyers	MSGT Jean Woodruff (USAF)
COL Charles A Block (USMC)	1SG Jackie D. Ray
COL Richard M. Johnson	SSG Fred Spiker
LTC James R. Mellish	MS. Erika Johnson
CDR James E. Cobb (USN)	

MEMBERS ABSENT

CSM William Jolley
SGM Terry Wilkins, Unexcused
SFC Joe Barnes
SFC Ralph Reed Unexcused

ADVISORS PRESENT

COL Thomas W. Young, Garrison Commander
COL David Gillingham, CDR, USAAMC
Mr. Stefan Marks, AAFES
Ms. Lynn Lott, TRICARE
Mr. K. R Carver, AG
Mr. Will Newman, RSO
Mr. Tim Laster, ~~DFCA~~
 DCFA

3. The meeting was called to order at 11:35 am by COL Crouch .
4. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written.
5. Old Business – None
6. Committee Reports.

- a. Public Affairs – No report. COL Johnson asked for members to email him with any important news happenings.
- b. Legislative Affairs – COL Hyer reported the Office of Budget and Management had sent a letter of disapproval to the House on the SPB proposal but did not threaten a veto. The Senate has not taken any action on Senator Landrau's amendment yet.
- c. Medical/Dental – No report
- d. Volunteer Program/ Bowling – No report
- e. Quality of Life – COL Block reported the Club indicators were looking good and Mr. Laster stated the dining room was carrying the load at the present time.
- f. PX – No report.
- g. Golf Course - COL Heath reported the Gulf States Military Retiree Tournament had 201 golfers with 30 of those being ladies. The Chrysler Corp. had 165 test drives at \$5 each and this money will be going to the Junior Golf Program at Ft. Rucker. Aviation Museum Tournament is scheduled for this weekend.
- h. Equestrian Center – COL Heath reported an Open Show 5 June. Pony club event scheduled for 12 June. Next horse trials 2 – 3 October 2004.
- i. Outdoor Recreation – CSM Frye reported fishing good at Lake Tholocco but he has not has a chance to do any.
- j. Commissary – No report
- k. RAD – LTC Mellish reported all on track.

7. Advisors Comments

- a. COL Gillingham reported the waiting times at the Pharmacy have been reduced. A Digital Radiology System is being installed which will eliminate xray film. The picture will be projected onto a screen and if an area needs to be enlarged for further study it can be done. This means that more than one hospital can look at the xray at the same time. Electronic Health Records are coming on board which means when a soldier gets transferred his records will be electronically sent to the new duty station. Plans are being made for the next RAD. This will be his last meeting with us due to transfer to the Seattle area. COL Susan Benning, Army Nurse Corps, will be the new commander.
- b. Ms. Lott stated the Mail Order Prescription service contract has been awarded to Express Scripts International and there have been computer problems with the service. The Weekly MOOA reported that in order for a patient to receive name brand drugs, the provider must call the supplier and give the reasons for not prescribing the generic drug.

Some providers are charging as much as \$100. for this service. Ms. Lott stated each user must have a pharmacy card and the number is the same on all cards.

c. Mr. Marks reported the Pet Show in May was a success and the Vet Clinic was able to adopt four pets out so this show will now be an annual event. There will an outdoor plant sale scheduled for 28 – 30 of June. The roof blew off the outdoor plant area so the plants are being moved back inside. Father's Day sale 18 – 20 June.

d. Mr. Laster reported that MWR had many activities going on: the pool has been reopened after renovation with official opening on Saturday Jun 5; The FT. Rucker BOSS Program is sponsoring the Letters From The Front Play at the Post Theater on Tuesday Jun 15th.at 7 pm. There is no charge and seating will be first come first served; The renovation of the white section of the golf course is ahead of schedule; June 19th, COBRA will be at the golf course for free demonstration on loft; Freedom Fest on July 3rd hopefully better than last year.

e. COL Young stated the single soldiers in the barracks were footing the bill for the Letter From The Front Play. The lake opened on May 30th with a large crowd in attendance and the fishing was good.

8. New Business – COL Crouch stated that COL Gillingam's Change of Command is scheduled for June 30th at 8:30 am. He then expressed appreciation from the Council to COL Gillingham for all he had done for the retired community and taking time to attend our meetings to bring us up-to-date about the hospital. The advisors were excused and the Council voted to recommend to the Garrison Commander that LTC Mellish and CSM Frye be extended for another four years on the Council.

9. Co-Chairman's Comments –None.

10. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1220 pm. The next scheduled meeting to be held at the Aviators' Landing on July 1, 2004 at 1130 am.

Approved via email 18 Jun 04

WILLIAM E. CROUCH

COL, Retired

Co-Chairman

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CHARLES E. FRYE

CSM, Retired

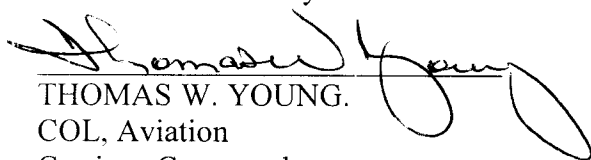
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